

AUTHORIZING THE OBLIGATION OF FUNDS OF THE
COAST GUARD FOR WORK OR MATERIAL AT GOVERN-
MENT-OWNED ESTABLISHMENTS

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Mr. WALSH, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2453]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2453) to authorize the obligation of funds of the Coast Guard for work or material at Government-owned establishments, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to continue the availability of funds provided in the Coast Guard annual appropriations beyond the end of the fiscal year for which appropriated.

The large amount of work required to be performed at the Coast Guard yard at Curtis Bay, Md., from current annual appropriations is impossible of accomplishment in many instances before the end of the present fiscal year. The Coast Guard has also a number of vessel-repair projects in view which are to be financed from current annual appropriations and for which allotments have been made. This work is to be performed by the Navy on vessels which may not become available for repairs before May or June, in which case the work cannot be completed by the end of the fiscal year. Under existing laws, work chargeable to Coast Guard annual appropriations must be completed at Government yards before the end of the fiscal year of the availability of the appropriated funds. Funds not expended or obligated at the end of the fiscal year are no longer available for obligation after that date even though the project is uncompleted. The bill would make it possible for the Coast Guard to allocate funds from current appropriations for work of the above kind, and leave

such funds available for expenditure until the purpose for which the appropriation was made had been accomplished.

Laws now in effect provide this continued availability for Navy Department appropriations. Enactment of the bill will provide parity in this respect for the Coast Guard.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Navy Department and has been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.